PRINCESS IS GIDDY

The Sister of Italy's King Cuts a Caper on Wheels.

nce of Which the Frolles some Lady Is Placed Under the Bun Boyal Displeasure and Seat to Coventry.

Rieveles caused no end of bad blood -in more senses than one, it is to be feared-before finally obtaining the right of citizenship among orthodox vehicles of the road; and, universal though they have now become among ordinary mortals, they have still a deal of up-hill work to accomplish before acquiring a status among the surroundings of royalty. Of course, a prince or king may bestride a "wheel," and do anything but break a record or his neck; but were a princess so far to forget what she owed to her house, her dignity and her long line of ancestors as to patronize this democratic means of locomotion, the whole civilized world and broke the small bone of my leg. would be expected to stand aghast at the desceration of royalty implied by the act. And this is the horrible deed not so easy to unite two pieces of fracthat has just been announced by the tured bone, so I hopped to a neighbortelegraph, and has thrown Italian court ing post and there awaited the procircles into ceremonial convulsions.

The catastrophe, says a Rome correspondent of the London Telegraph, occurred in Turin, and the heroine and victim-the lady is both-is the pretty, accomplished young widow, the duchess of Aosta, who is staying at the castle of Stupinigi. Princess Maria Loctizia is a sister-in-law of the present king of Italy, she having married in 1888 his this involuntary confinement that my brother, Prince Amadeo, duke of Aosta. who dled in 1890. This lady, who is a sympathetic visit and bought me out Bonaparte, is not merely accome ished and pretty, but is brimful of life and fun, and takes a positive delight in of the phenomenal success our joint tramping upon the rigid court ceremo-nial of past ages. The last of her frolics was executed on a bicycle made for one. She set out a few days ago on one

of these tabooed vehicles, accompanied nues leading to the palace of the dukes | periales superfines' in the world." of Aosta, when a company of soldiers commanded by a major met them half way, glanced at them furtively, and perhaps a trifle too curiously or critically, and marched on without making a sign. The duchess, rendered more sensitive than usual by the consciousness that she was transgressing the bounds of court etiquette, felt hurt at not being saluted in the approved fashion by the major and his soldiers. This was perhaps human nature, and, as such, excusable. But the lively lady went much further; she actually complained of the |conduct of the major, who had, she affirmed, culpably neglected to salute her. The commandant of Turin, Gen. d'Oncian de la Batin, at once summoned the officer to appear before him and explain his conduct. The major said he was guiltless of any offense, as he did not recognize the high-horn lady, oddly dressed and scated between two wheels, and would never have permitted himself to think of her highness as a severe bicyclist. Had he known or suspected it was she, of course he would have, etc., etc. Gen. de la Batin, uncertain what course to take, appealed to the Solomonistic wisdom of the war minister, to whom he forwarded a detailed report of the whole occurrence, asking for instructions as to the punishment to be meted out to the major, whom he meanwhile kept in arrest. The minister of war, if not precisely a Solomon; was quite shrewd enough to see that the can sometimes be picked out in a few if not holy—and instead of taking the minutes." Down to the fifty-foot level responsibility upon himself demanded smount of 40,000 ounces is now in an audience of the king, before whom sight. It is not to soon to speak

him in the matter. This, however, was ports have been received of some valthe solution of only one-half of the mable finds, among which may be cited question; the remaining moiety con- a reef carrying ten ounces to the ton. cerned the lively young widow; and and the discovery of nuggets of fiftythe king sent his bicycle-loving sister two ounce weight on a field forty-five in law an order forbidding her to at-tire herself in red court costume for tire herself in red court costume for place amounted to about 1,500 some the space of two calendar months, a weeks ago, but since then has diminprohibition which is equivalent to ished in consequence of the terrible strict domestic arrest for that period. hardships which must be encountered The princess is therefore absolutely invisible to the good citizens of Turin, who were wont to watch and salute her two or three times daily, as she rode or drove or walked about the streets of the historic old city. The inhabitants console themselves

by gazing for hours through the windows of the photographers' shops, where a series of ten magnificent portraits in various positions and costumes attract hundreds of loyal sympathizers. I now learn that sentence has also been pronounced on one of the court cavaliers who accompanied the duchess on her bleyeling expedition. The marquis of Monerivello has been summarily dismissed from his post by order of the !! king, who is said to be extremely annoyed at the evident determination of his sister-in-law to put all traditional notions of court etiquette at naught, and to have announced his intention to punish more severely all future trans-

The Young Idea.

One of the boys of a Washington family had been instructed by his teacher to write an essay. A rather abstruse subject had been given him, and he had been referred to the dictionary. His elder brother had promised, if the composition was good, he would write it on the typewriter. The little fellow went to the dictionary and found the word he was looking for, and under it a quotation that just suited the subject. He considered life to short, however, to copy the quotation, so he hunted up his mother's shears, and olipped the big handsome dictionary wherever it saited his fancy. The essay, thus constructed, was really creditable; but the big brother informed the father, and the ingenious youngster got a thrashing that he will remember all his life.

AN EXPENSIVE LIGHT. What It Cost on Inveterate Smoker to

Iguite His Cigur. Inveterate smokers acknowledge that the habit is a most expensive one, but it is seldom that a light for a cigar costs a smoker a fortune, as in the story told by the author of "Glances Back Through Seventy Years." He was an invoterate smoker, having contracted "a diseased habit of putting away at a cigar every moment he was Bot sating or sleeping." He smoked ,127 East Dougles,

only the very best brands, and in those careless days spent, as he says, more for eigars than it afterward cost him to

"Well, one afternoon a day or two before 'Palmer's Life' was published, I had been to a prize cattle show at Chelmsford, and then to dinner with the Royal Agricultural society; and on arriving in town by the last train, as I was walking homeward, my cigar unfortunately went out and, much to my aunoyance, I discovered I had no fuses about me. The streets, too, were deserted, so there was nobody from whom

a light could be obtained. "On descending Ludgate hill I noticed that the glass of the gas lamp' perched high against the wall just within Belle Sauvage yard was broken. There being a slanting ledge at the lower part of this wall I placed my foot on it and, springing up, succeeded in lighting a paper spill which I had improvised, but in my rapid descent one of my feet unluckily caught the edge of the curb and I dislocated my ankle

"Quick as thought I wrenched the ankle into its place again, but it was tecting peeler's periodic round.

"He came at last and charitably put me into a cab, and accompanied me home. I was carried upstairs, a surgeon was sent for and the broken limb was set. Then I was put to bed and told I should have to remain there a month or more.

"It was while I was fretting under partner in 'Palmer's Life' paid me a of the speculation for a mere song, without of course saying a word to me venture had already met with.

"Owing to this circumstance I have always reckoned that the going out of my cigar cost me about fifteen hundred pounds, which actuaries tell me would, with compound interest added, by a maid of honor and two court cav- have amounted to some six thousand allers, and after a long ride the party pounds at this date. A sum sufficient, were flying up one of the shady avepounds at this date. A sum sufficient,

AUSTRALIA'S GOLD MINES. Iwo Young Adventurers Who Struck a

Great Bonaura to That Country. Some big stories are current of the richness of the Coolgardie gold fields In western Australia, and particularly, says the Scientific American, of one mine in the district discovered by two young adventurers named Bailey and Ford. The former, while prospecting, found a forty-five ounce nugget sticking out from a reef in a big mountain of quartz. As quickly as possible a claim was staked out, but in spite of all precautions much valuable surface ore was stolen before a proper guard could be established. The monthly output from the mine

now amounts to 2,000 ounces. From

thirty tons of ore picked from a bulk

of 1,400 tons 18,000 ounces of gold were

obtained, and the remainder of the stone is expected to yield from five to six ounces to the ton. Out of 650 tons raised from a depth of fifteen feet ounces of smelted gold. From another part of the mine four tons selected out of 100 tons of ore yielded 1,600 ounces of gold. Some of the other returns of picked stone were: Five tons from 250 tons for 2,000 ounces, two tons from seventy tons for 900 ounces, four tons for 1,000 ounces and thirty-five hundredweight for 800 ounces. Some of the surface "is so rich in gold that ounces only it is estimated that gold to the sight. It is as yet too soon to speak the laid the report of the commandant.

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People who see girls, from ton to fif. teen years of age with their shore and strekings off and shirts turked appeads ing and splashing about the surf as Atlantic City, Asbury Park and other resorts may not be aware that alread this is done at the fashiomable watering places by ladies of title and distingtien, and even by men. At Beningme, for instance, it is nothing unusual to see a man drewed in the height of fashion, with fancy walstout, swart cost, hat and all, and with his treesers relied above the knee, studing about close to the above, perhaps anching

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